# CLOSED SCHOOL LOAN DISCHARGES (FEDERAL LOANS)

*July 25, 2023* 





### **CLOSURE – HUSSIAN COLLEGE (OPEID: 00746900)**

- Locations:
  - Philadelphia, PA
  - Los Angeles, CA
  - Nashville, TN; Murfreesboro, TN; Clarkesville, TN
  - Columbus, OH
- Closure Date for Loan Discharge Purposes: 5/26/23



#### **CLOSED SCHOOL LOAN DISCHARGES**

#### Criteria:

You may be eligible for a full discharge of your William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (Direct Loan) Program loans, Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loans, or Federal Perkins Loans received to attend a school if you were unable to complete your program because your school closed, and if

- •you were enrolled when your school closed;
- •you were on an approved leave of absence when your school closed;
- •your school closed within 180 days after you withdrew.



#### INELIGIBLE FOR LOAN DISCHARGE

Your <u>federal loans</u> will not be discharged if:

- •You graduated or completed your program at the closed school.
- •You withdrew more than 180 days before the school closed, unless you can demonstrate an exceptional circumstance.
- •You're completing or have graduated from a teach-out agreement at another school approved by the school's accrediting agency and, if applicable, the school's state authorizing agency.
- •You're completing or have graduated from a program of study at a different branch or location of the school that closed.

Private loans and cash payments are not covered under loan discharges, the Department has no jurisdiction.



#### PROCESS FOR A LOAN DISCHARGE

The loan servicer automatically sends students who attended a closed school a loan discharge application, typically within 30 days of the closure. You must complete the application and submit it to your loan servicer.

Or:

You may go directly to the **Forms Library** on studentaid.gov to get the loan discharge application - https://studentaid.gov/forms-library/

Parents can also apply for a loan discharge of their Plus loans (use students dates of attendance)

To find out who your loan servicer is, call the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) at 1-800-433-3243 or look on your Federal Student Aid Account Dashboard / My Loan Servicers



## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A LOAN IS DISCHARGED?

- Payments that were made on the loan are refunded to the student
- Loan is cancelled / written off
- Credit Line is deleted on credit report as if the loan never existed

Timeframe for entire process: approximately 60-90 days



#### WHO PAYS FOR DISCHARGED LOANS?

The Department will establish a liability against the closed school for loans that are discharged.



#### **AUTOMATIC CLOSED SCHOOL LOAN DISCHARGES**

For students who meet the eligibility requirements and attended a school that closes prior to <u>July 1, 2023</u>, the student will generally receive an automatic closed school discharge **three years** after the date ED establishes as the school's official closure date. This discharge will be initiated by ED, and you will be notified by your loan servicer.

\*For school closures that occur after July 1, 2023, automatic loan discharges occur 1 year after the closure date



#### STUDENT RECORDS / TRANSCRIPTS

The Department does not collect any student records from schools, including student transcripts. Typically, the state agency can provide students with information on how to obtain a transcript.

\*\*Hussian students may request transcripts at transitionportal@hussiancollege.edu

or contact Aaron Paxton at 512-993-9683

<sup>\*\*</sup>new information



